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SUBJECT:EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON FIRST AMENDMENT TO JULY 21,
1977 PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOR KOREA

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1. WE HAVE CONCLUDED CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS CITED
REFTEL AND BELIEVE THAT, IF POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD WAIT TO
FORMALIZE EXCHANGE OF NOTES UNTIL AFTER AID APPROPRIATIONS
BILL REACHES FLOOR OF THE HOUSE (NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17).

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THIS DECISION BASED UPON INFORMED CONGRESSIONAL OPINION
THAT AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT AT THIS TIME COULD BE MISCON-
STRUED AND MIGHT RESULT IN RETALIATORY CUTS IN APPROPRIA-
TIONS. HOWEVER, WE REALIZE THAT THERE COULD BE FURTHER
DELAYS IN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE AID APPROPRIATIONS
BILL AND WE DO NOT WISH A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT ON THE
EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE PL 480 AMENDMENT. THEREFORE, YOU

MAY TELL THE ROKG THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE NOTES
NO LATER THAN JULY 21. WE MAY AUTHORIZE AN EARLIER EX-
CHANGE IF THE SITUATION ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS CHANGES.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD PROPOSE TO THE ROKG THAT
NOTES BE EXCHANGED IN A LOW-KEY MANNER. WE HOPE THAT BY
SETTING A FIRM DATE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, ROKG NER-
VOUSNESS OVER THIS PROTRACTED DELAY WILL BE MITIGATED.

PLEASE REPORT FULLY THE ROKG REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL,
AND LATER GIVE US 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF NOTE EXCHANGE
TO ENABLE USDA TO PREPARE STANDARD PRESS RELEASE.

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